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Dear Examiner Vaughn:

Here is my proposed agenda for our session this afternoon. The "Discussion" section is what I added today.

I look forward to meeting you in person soon. I will have our copy of the file, but only the references of current interest.

Best regards,

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INTERVIEW AGENDA: JULY 24, 2002 (09/392,585)

Date / time / location.

July 24, 2002

1:00 pm

Crystal Park 2 (receptionist on 4th floor)

Introductions.

Applicants' representative:

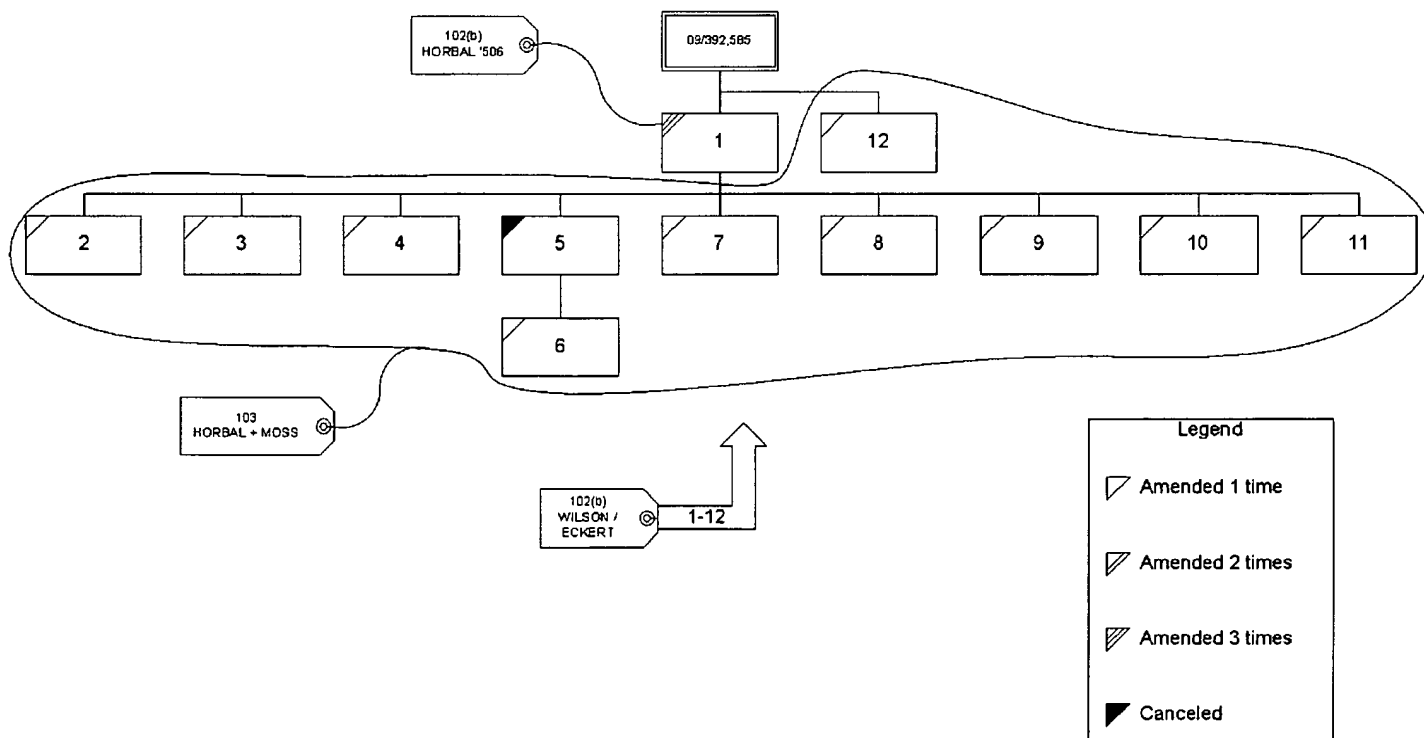
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Ice-breaking humor (optional).

Status of the claims.



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Discussion.

Note claim 6's status.

Brief review of Applicant's goals, problem solved, and how claim 1 tracks the solution.

- need for overall picture
- existence of over 100,000 older franking machines in France alone

Discussion of Horbal vis-à-vis claim 1 focusing on the points below, and how the newly added limitations patentably distinguish over the reference.

- "electrically isolated"
- "supervision terminal"
- "list of printing heads"

Brief Discussion of Horbal + Moss, of Wilson, and of Eckert

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APPENDIX

Claim 1 on file.

1 1. (Amended three times) A process for monitoring the consumptions of a plurality of
2 franking machines through a public communication network, at least one of the franking
3 machines being electrically isolated from the public communications network, the process
4 comprising the steps of:

5 first establishing a link with a management server through the public communications network,
6 via at least one supervision terminal that is independent of the isolated franking machine, in
7 accordance with a protocol of communication; and

8 subsequently proceeding with an exchange of data between the supervision terminal and the
9 management server during which a user (1) acquires at the supervision terminal a current
10 invoicing index indicative of the isolated franking machine and (2) receives a code of
11 authorization to frank in order to validate the subsequent frankings of the isolated franking
12 machine, wherein said step of data exchange further comprises:

13 displaying, at the supervision terminal (1) a list of printing heads associated with the plurality
14 of franking machines, and (2) for each printing head, a last invoicing index validated by the
15 management server.

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